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## Mali

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to crime, terrorism, and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[223] 2070-2300 or [223]-6675-2860; US Embassy in Bamako, ACI 2000, Rue 243, (located off the Roi Bin Fahad Aziz Bridge west of the Bamako central district), Porte 297, Bamako, Mali

### Telephone Code

223

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 15; Fire: 17; Police: 18

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

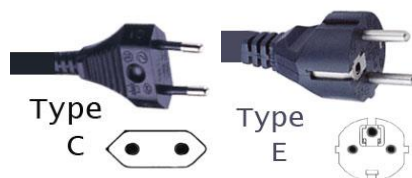
Subtropical to arid; hot and dry (February to June); rainy, humid, and mild (June to November); cool and dry (November to February)

### Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E



### Major Languages

French, Bambara 46.3%, Peul/Foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/Soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhail/Djerma 5.6%, Minianka 4.3%, Tamacheq 3.5%, Senoufo 2.6%, Bobo 2.1%, unspecified 0.7%, other 6.3%; note: Mali has 13 national languages in addition to its official language (French)

### Religions

Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, animist .7%, none 2.5%

### Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water.
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Timbuktu; Bamako; Grand Mosque of Djenné; Mopti; Mount Hombori; Tomb of Askia in Gao
<b>Major sporting events</b>	Soccer, basketball
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Pointing at people with the index finger is considered rude. Use the whole hand to gesture instead.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping porters \$1 (USD) per bag and hotel staff \$1-2 (USD) per day is appropriate. Professional guides and/or drivers who accompany you throughout a visit should be tipped \$10 (USD) per day.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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